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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 1, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.378(c)¹, to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent and to change the entity status.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378 (c) is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on July 4, 2006. The first maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from July 4, 2009 to January 4, 2010 or, with a surcharge during the period from January 5, 2010 to July 4, 2010. Accordingly, this patent expired on July 4, 2010 for failure to timely remit the first maintenance fee.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$980.00 for the first maintenance fee and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge have been charged to the credit card provided.

In response to the request under 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2) and notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status, status as a Small Entity has been removed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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¹ 37 CFR 1.378 (c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.